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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/107,141
"Multiple ASM OBIGGS with Different Permeability and
Selectivity Membranes"
Your Reference: Serie 4572
Our Reference: 016499-546

Dear Linda:

Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report that we received in a corresponding PCT application.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you would like for us to submit this Search Report in an Information Disclosure Statement. In this regard, since the issue fee has been paid, we will need to concurrently submit a petition to withdraw the application from issue as well as a request for a continuing prosecution application.

VIA FACSIMILE

Linda K. Russell, Esq.
January 21, 2000
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nhat', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Enclosure

cc: Gabriel Le Moenner (w/encl.)